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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Motohisa WATANABE
Title: POS REGISTERING SYSTEM
CAPABLE OF CHANGING A
SALES ITEM TO ANOTHER
SALES ITEM WITH SIMPLE
OPERATION
Appl. No.: 09/657,360
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 11, 2002, applicant hereby elects with traverse, Group I, claims 1-8. Furthermore, in response to the Election of Species requirement set forth in the Office Action, applicant elects with traverse Species A, represented by Figure 1. Applicant believes that of claims 1-8, claims 1-4 are readable on the elected species.

According to MPEP § 803, if "the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." Applicant contends that this is the case in the present application.

For the reasons indicated above, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement. Applicant earnestly awaits receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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